

Church News.

GLEANINGS FROM THE WAYSIDE.

Once more the spirit moves us to chronicle a few words for the dear EVANGELIST. We went to our regular appointment at Maple Grove, Ind., expecting to hold a protracted meeting, but the measles beat our time and got there first and had captured almost the entire community, so that it took very near all the well people to care for the sick. The result was, that we only remained a week. One was added to the church by baptism during our stay. Hope she may continue faithful. We visited in the home of Brother and Sister Heft and were reminded that it was sugar making by a display of maple wax like our grandmother used to make. Our revival work is over for the winter, and I am at home laying up for repairs. I am very thankful to the Lord for his blessings of health and strength to be in the field the winter through. Wife and I join in expressing our thanks to brother Wm. Shultz of Maple Grove church for a large painting of which the title is, The way to ruin, and the path to life, beautifully illustrated. A person can spend a whole day in studying the many lessons taught in this beautiful picture. I am rejoiced to hear of the good work that is being done throughout the brotherhood. May heavenly showers continue, and the dew like unto hermon continue to revive the drooping spirits until the valley of bones shall live and we all can shout Victory, Victory, VICTORY, through the blood of Christ.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

North Manchester, Ind.

FROM McVEYTOWN, PA.

Thinking a few words from McVeytown might be of interest to the readers of the EVANGELIST, I will try to write. When Brother Wampler came here last November, he found two lonely sisters of the Brethren church. After holding meetings in a school-house near town for a couple of weeks, eight more brethren and sisters united with the church making ten brothers and sisters in all. When he again held a series of meetings in February, that continued into the present month, sixteen more united with the church, twelve being baptized by triune immersion, the writer being one of the number. We have Sabbath-school every Sabbath afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and prayer meeting on Thursday and Sabbath evening. We are endeavoring to purchase our present place of meeting, with good prospects of success.

March. 26.

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FROM HUNTINGTON, IND.

The Huntington church is enjoying a revival. Fourteen conversions to date, and the prospects good. The meeting will be continued over Sabbath. J. H. Palmer will do the preaching the balance of the week. The church is in need of new hymn books and has appointed a committee to select books, and the writer has the promise of the committee to wait until we can hear from the hymn book that is to be published by the church. Will you explain in the next week's issue as to how soon the book will be ready for us? The work at Marion, Ind., is moving off nicely. Four confessions over last Sabbath. J. M. Rittgers and R. K. Binkley will do the preaching the balance of the present conference year. Binkley is the elder and preaches three sermons a month and J. M. Rittgers three. The church is contemplating building a house of worship in the early spring. May God protect the plant at Marion and abundantly bless the same.

H. S. SPRINKLE.

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Our last communication was written from Pleasant Hill, O., where we were engaged in a meeting. The extreme cold weather kept the people away during the first week, so our congregations were small. The weather moderated so the last week of our meeting was largely attended. But as usual we had to quit just when the interest was at high tide consequently there were no additions to the church but the seed sown will bring forth fruit by and by. We have been serving the Pleasant Hill church for nearly three years, and our work has been pleasant, sincerely hoping it may continue so. We are rejoiced to hear the good news from the field at large. A great work is being accomplished this winter. Indiana is coming to the front. Brethren pray for us that God may continue to bless the work.

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FROM CLAYPOOL, IND.

The class at Claypool is progressing. Brother Hopkins filled his appointment Friday night, and this being the time for quarterly business-meeting, he came on Thursday and preached Thursday night. During the two nights service five sisters boldly stepped out and confessed Christ as their Saviour. One came by relation and the other four will be received by baptism. There are others still counting the cost. May God help them to be speedy and not count too long. We have good attendance at Sabbath-school. Your sister in Christ.

March 23.

MISS MAUDE WINEAR.

FROM CONEMAUGH, PA.

It becomes my sad duty to chronicle the death of three very aged sisters in my charge. These three sisters were sisters in the flesh and also sisters in the spirit and in full fellowship in the Brethren church, and left the shores of time triumphing in a Saviour's love. It was just seven months, exactly, from the date of the death of the first one until the death of the third one. These sad events were as follows: Viz., Polly Wagoner died July 19, 1894, aged 84 years, 6 months and 24 days. Drusanna Dunmire died Jan. 25, 1895, aged 71 years, 11 months and 16 days. Sarah Shaffer died Feb. 19, 1895, aged 81 years, 9 months and 19 days. Their maiden name was Kane. I have never been informed how many children there were of the Kane family, but as far as I know, at present, there is one that still has a being in this world, and that is brother Samuel Kane of Hudson, Iowa, who made a visit to his three aged sisters, nearly one year ago. His visit was a timely one, should he have postponed his visit a few months, he would not have had the pleasure of meeting and conversing with those who was precious to him by the ties of nature as sisters in the flesh. This brings Brother Kane in the front rank. This is not a very frequent occurrence that three such aged sisters in the flesh are called away in so short a time. They have many descendants in this country and state to follow them at some future time. I have been informed by persons who knew them for many years, that they were among the true and tried, thus leaving many good examples behind. Thus their influence is working perpetual consequences.

The writer of this article conducted the funeral services for each of them from the following texts. First, Joshua 1:11. Second, Amos 4:12. Third, Rev. 14:13. Many were the tears shed over the departure of the loved ones. They, at the time of their death, were living on borrowed time; but they are now no more. And in conclusion will say peace to their ashes.

March 21.

J. F. KOONTZ.

FROM BLANCO, PA.

On my return from McVeytown, I stopped at Warriors' Mark, in Huntington Co., Pa. Preached one sermon and baptized one. The good sisters at this place did nobly in assisting to defray the expenses that occur in the Evangelistic work. I do hope and pray that the little Zion there may soon have an abundant ingathering, so that a house of worship may be erected. Sisters be faithful, the Lord will surely reward you all and answer your continued prayers by-and-by.